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Infection Control Committee
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Burlingame, California

Minutes

Chair, La Donna Drury-Klein called the Infection Control Committee meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

Members Present

LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA - Chair
Lawrence Hundley, DDS
Alan Felsenfeld, DDS
Kristy Menage-Bernie, RDH
Mr. Van Cheny

Member Absent

Eve Cuny, RDA

Staff Present

Linda Madden, Regulation Coordinator
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Executive Secretary
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Klein provided an addendum to the October 10, 2002 minutes that included comments and suggestions made by the Dental Board's Inspectors, as well as comments from Ms. Lynn Thornton, Chief of Enforcement, with regard to problems that the inspectors have faced in the inspection process of dental offices.

It was m/s/c to approve the minutes as written and to accept the addendum to the minutes.

Review of Current Infection Control Regulations and Recommendations from Previous Committee

Two versions were provided to the public. The first version was the proposed regulatory language that was submitted by the previous committee in 2001 with the rationale for the change under each section. The second version lists only the proposed changes without the rationale. Ms. Klein asked each committee member to reacquaint themselves with these documents and asked for a motion from the committee as to whether or not they wanted to continue working with the document from the previous committee.

It was m/s/c (Felsenfeld/Cheny) to use the document from the previous committee as a basis for the current committee to work.

Review of Existing and Current Draft Version of CDC Recommendations

The committee reviewed the last draft version of the new CDC recommendations that was sent out in February 2003. The CDC announced that it may be as late as December 2003 before their document is finalized. Since the committee had agreed to use the CDC document as a benchmark, Ms. Klein asked for a consensus from the committee to continue to delay revising the dental board regulations until CDC recommendations are finalized or move on with the proposed regulatory changes.

It was m/s/c (Felsenfeld/Bernie) for the committee to proceed with the proposed changes to the regulatory language for the November board meeting.

Recommendations for Changes to Current Regulations

There was much discussion on suggested changes to the current regulations. Mr. Van Cheny addressed his concerns on the use of Tuberculocidals. The committee reviewed and modified the definitions in the draft language to read "non-critical countertops and dental unit surfaces not protected by disposable impervious barriers shall be cleaned with disposable towels and appropriate cleaning agents followed by a Cal/EPA registered intermediate-level or HIV/HBV hospital disinfectant, or a FDA cleared sterilant labeled for surface disinfection between patients."

Ms. Klein read the lists of concerns from the dental board inspectors and their requests for clarity, change or redefinition on certain sections of the regulation. It was determined that all the areas of concern stated by the inspectors had been properly addressed and that the new proposed language helped clarify their areas of concern.

Public Comment

No public comments were given.

The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for October 7, 2003 in Sacramento.